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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF COOK ISLANDS, FIJI, KIRIBATI NEW HEBRIDES, NIUE, SAMOA, AND SOLOMON ISLANDS

Training in Public Administration (RAS/79/018)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	March 1980
Starting date of project activities:	January 1980
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) through the Institute of Social and Administrative Studies (ISAS) of the University of the South Pacific (USP)
Government implementing agencies:	Government Ministries Concerned
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 330 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. A large number of island countries in the region have recently gained independence or are about to do so. As these countries emerge from colonial rule, they are faced with the need to assume responsibility for managing their own affairs. However, few of them have an adequate supply of trained national personnel, and their need to upgrade existing skills and techniques at the level of local administration is acute. Most island countries have a special problem ensuring operational efficiency in the area of public administration.

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